on behalf of powerloom owners in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The representations, *inter alia* seek relaxation in the reservation of certain fabrics for exclusive production in the handloom sector, allocation of controlled cloth for production in the powerloom sector, restoration of advantage in favour of powerlooms vis-a-vis the organised mill sector, modernisation of powerlooms, provision of credit and formation of corporations to promote marketing and export of powerloom cloth.

Government do not propose to disturb the policy of providing protection to handlooms by reserving articles for their exclusive production in the handloom sector. It is not proposed to allocate controlled cloth for production in the powerloom sector as the policy is to transfer this production to the handloom sector. Government have constituted a Task Force to study the present flow of credit and to suggest measures to augment the flow of credit both for working capital and term-loans for modernisation. The State Governments have been requested to encourage formation of powerloom cooperatives so as to facilitate the provision of credit and marketing facilities. The existing policy provides that the healthy development of the powerloom sector should take place in the context of parity between powerlooms in the organised mill sector and in the unorganised powerloom sector.

बिहार में अजगैवीनाथ महादेव मन्दिर की यात्रा करने वाले तीर्थ यात्रियों के लिए विभिन्न सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था

1802. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या **पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार बिहार के भागलपुर जिले के सुल्तानगंज में स्थित अजगैवीनाथ महादेव मन्दिर तक जाने के लिए संपर्क सड़क तथा परिवहन सहित पर्याप्त सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिये क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है जहां प्रत्येक वर्ष श्रावण के महीने में लाखों भक्त एकत्रित होते हैं ?

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर) : पर्यटन मंत्रालय राज्य सरकारों से मिलने वाली केवल ऐसी परियोजनाओं के लिए वित्तीय सहायता देता है जो योजना आयोग से अनुमोदित स्कीमों के दायरे के अंतर्गत आती हैं। पर्यटन मंत्रालय को भागलपुर जिले के सुल्तानगंज स्थित अजगैवीनाथ महादेव मन्दिर में पर्यटक सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के बारे में बिहार सरकार से अभी तक कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Licences for Multi-purpose Fishing Vessels

1803. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many licences have so far been issued for the acquisition of Multi-purpose flashing vessels under the 100 per cent export-oriented industry by his Ministry; and

(b) what are the guidelines issued to the financial institutions for funding purchase of these vessels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Eighty seven letters of approval for the acquisition of multi-purpose tra-

wlers under the scheme of 100 per cent Export Oriented Units have been issued so far.

(b) Deep sea fishing industry is governed by the guidelines issued by the Reserved Bank of India (RBI) for lending to the priority sector, Banks have to deploy at least 16 per cent of their outstanding advances towards direct agriculture which includes fishing also.

The acquisition of trawlers was earlier financed by the Shipping Development Fund Committee (SDFC). Presently the function is catered to by the Shipping Credit and Investment Company of India Ltd. (SCICI).

Survey on Export Prospects of Tobacco

1804. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey was conducted by the Tobacco Board, Guntur in Andhra Pradesh, which shows a promising export market and if so, what follow-up action has been taken or is proposed to be taken in the matter; and

(b) what is the additional export potential of tobacco as per the above study?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No market survey was conducted on unmanufactured tobacco in recent years by the tobacco Board. However, in 1979 a survey was carried out in selected markets. Pursuant to that production of FCB Tobacco, in light soil areas has been revised and production in black soil areas regulated; plant position grading has been introduced in the light soil areas of Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka; auctions have been introduced; export duty for unmanufactured tobacco has been abolished; and containerisation service introduced.

(b) The survey did not make any specific recommendation on additional export potential.

Attack on Indians in Suva in Fiji

1805. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ethnic Fijians ran through the streets of Suva in an hour long rampage recently and attacked Indians and Indian-owned shops;

(b) of so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to protect Indians in Fiji and their property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) A gang of Fijian youths attacked some persons of Indian origin in Tailevu near Suva on the night of 29th June, 1987 and burnt a shop, a house and a car and damaged other buildings. The home of a person of Indian origin was also shot at in Sigatoka in the middle of the night.

(c) Government of India cannot directly intervene on behalf of the community of Indian origin whose safety and welfare is the responsibility of the authorities in Fiji. The Government of India has, however, taken diplomatic initiatives in order to mobilise international opinion in favour, *inter alia*, of enshring that no ethnic group in Fiji's multiracial society is discriminated against.

Permission to STC/MMTC for Export of Wheat

1806. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has given clearance to STC/MMTC for the export of wheat linked with the import of edible oils and